



Unidentified baby whose mother was killed by a bus driver in Abuja...yesterday. Pic: Idris Ahmed.

Baby in hospital as mother dies in autocrash

Authorities are trying to locate the family of a toddler whose mother was killed by a speeding bus in Abuja yesterday.

The unidentified baby aged about two years, is currently in stable condition in Wuse General hospital. Her mother, who is yet to be formally identified, was hit by a bus as she walked on the

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pavement in Douala Street, Wuse Zone 5 and killed instantly.

Authorities in the hospital said the child is being taken care of by a nurse who donated money from her pocket to keep the baby alive. They said they would look after her but at the same time

needed to find her relatives.

Police have few leads to the young mother's identity; a camera and a phone number, and a man who claims he knows the mother.

The police called the phone number and spoke to a man who said he develops the woman's pictures for her. He told the police he only knows her first name. But when he came to the hospital yesterday, he told hospital staff he knows where to find

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the baby's uncle.

A nurse who did not want to be identified said: "A man came to the hospital at about 10.30 am, saying the former husband of the deceased is in Osogbo, Osun state. He also said that a brother of the husband resides in Gwagwalada, an outskirts of Abuja and promised to contact him, but since then, we have not seen anybody".

Divisional traffic police officer, Suleiman Adamu, who spoke to *Daily Trust* on behalf of the Divisional Police Officer, Aliyu Doma, in charge of Wuse Zone 3 division, said: "We called the number, a man picked the call and identified himself as Mr. Ilori. He said he met her last week when she came to develop films in his photo studio in Wuse. From this, we presumed her to be a photographer. The man simply gave her name as Omo, but said he does not know her address."

As at the time of filing this report, the relatives of the deceased could not be reached.

The corpse of the woman is currently lying in the mortuary at the Wuse General Hospital, Zone 3, while the injured daughter is also receiving medical attention at the same hospital.

The accident which occurred at about 10 am morning, according to an eye

witness was due to reckless driving by the driver of the Toyota bus

An eye witness account says that the woman was run over by the bus and was dragged for a distance of about twenty metres. She died instantly, witnesses said. Her daughter has slight injuries.

A police constable, Edwin Amarachi, who confirmed the incident, said he was in the same vehicle that killed the woman.

He said: "I boarded the bus from Gwagwa, a satellite town of Abuja. The brake failed in Wuse and went out of the control of the driver, and ran over the woman who was walking along the pavement, she died immediately."

The driver of the bus, Mareole Peter, is currently at the police station, Wuse zone 3.



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